



**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2013
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Meeting Room C**

----- Agenda Topics -----

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| Topic | | Notes |
| 1. Approval of Minutes | Mimi Deem | |
| 2. Addresses from the Audience | Mimi Deem | |
| 3. Director's Report | Patty DeForrest | |
| 4. Old Business/New Business | Mimi Deem | |
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Attachments:

Minutes – April 8, 2013
Minutes – May 20, 2013

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2013

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2013

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Ira Berkowitz, Brad Bernstein, Mimi Deem, Marguerite Garrick, Andrea Maddox-Dallas and Eric Schneider.

Absent: Laurel Harrington, Darryl Higuchi and Mark Stapleton

Also Present: Eric Gruenenfelder, Tim Hohenstein, Toni Siering and Denise Ucinski.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park Ice Rink End of Year Report:

Mr. Tim Hohenstein and Mr. Eric Gruenenfelder presented the 2012-2013 Shaw Park Ice Rink End of Year Report. (See the attached presentation for specific details.) Ice Rink improvements included a new mural in the North Pole party room, new furniture in the warming hut and new lace skates. The Shaw Park Ice Rink report also included the following information: increased usage during public skate and an increase in rental attendees, season highlights, revenue and expenditure comparisons, facility usage summary, season pass sales and an admissions summary. Mr. Gruenenfelder stated that a buy one/get one free Living Social deal was offered, which increased daily admission revenue. Of those purchased only 30% of the deals were redeemed at the ice rink. Special events included: Skate with Frosty, Skate with Ralph Clayton, a mock rescue, Mid-States Hockey Tournament, and the New Year's Eve / Centennial Kick Off. Mr. Hohenstein said approximately one thousand people attended Skate with Frosty.

Total revenue increased 18% from FY12 to FY13. Maintenance expenditures decreased significantly compared to last season. Mr. Gruenenfelder noted that the ice rink revenue was \$2,300 in the black which is a huge turn around for the City.

2013-2014 scheduled improvements include: replacing more lace style skates and purchasing new skate aides. 2013-2014 scheduled events: Skate with Frosty, New Year's Eve – Special Holiday Hours, Skater Appreciation Day and Family Fun Skate.

For the 2013/2014 season, staff will be evaluating one policy change for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Hohenstein explained that his staff has been looking into requiring helmets for children at the ice rink. Items being explored are: age requirements, logistics of providing helmets for anyone who does not bring one, sanitation of helmets, type of helmet and how to store helmets.

Anderson Park Signage:

Ms. Siering discussed the initial signage proposal for Anderson Park designed by Helen Lee with Tao Lee Architects. (The signage drawings were distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting.) Ms. Siering informed the Commission that the Andersons are ready to move forward with the signage project. It was noted that the sign on the street is to scale; the Andersons hired the best architect to create a design that would define and draw attention to the entrance. Furthermore, the sign would be lit from the inside so the letters would show up well at night.

The Andersons paid for the design, will pay for all signage and artwork if an agreement is made between the City and the Andersons. The Architectural Review Board (ARB) must also to approve all signage in the City of Clayton.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of the signage at length. Some members thought the signage looked nice, but expressed concerns about the fact that the proposed signs were not similar to other park signs in the City. Mr. Berkowitz stated that it was not even similar to park entrance signs the Commission considered in the past, and it did not strike him as something desirable. Ms. Tamsky said she liked the signage and thought it would be nice to have something different in the park. Ms. Maddox-Dallas noted that it fit in with the houses in the area around Anderson Park. Ms. Deem expressed her concern about the signage process not being followed and the Commission agreed. Ms. Harris pointed out that the ARB has not approved any lighted signs in Clayton and that signs in Clayton do look similar, which is like a brand for Clayton and changing that would be like changing a logo.

Ms. Siering stated that the dog park will open despite the signage not being ready. Mr. Gruenenfelder informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department is following the naming rights policy and will continue to follow the policy.

The overall consensus after the discussion was that the signage is too much of a departure from other park signs in the City. However, the proposed signage inside the park met the Commission's approval. Ms. Tamsky made a motion stating that the Commission does not recommend the signage as presented. The Commission recommends revisiting the Clayton Road signage with input from City staff and the Andersons. Ms. Deem seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

-Dog Park: the City selected a contractor for the fence and membership passes went on sale on Monday, April 1. As of April 8, eighty-four Dog Park Passes were sold. There was a two dog limit per household when membership passes went on sale, the limit based on the City's ordinance which is set to change to three dogs. The Dog Park policy will be adjusted to reflect the new ordinance.

-Shaw Park Recreational Trail: the trail project is scheduled to be completed at the end of June.

-Enterprise Holding Pavilion – Bids are due on Thursday, April 25.

Old Business / New Business

Ms. Deem will not be in attendance at the May 6 meeting.

Mr. Bernstein asked about how the GRG trailhead will impact parking. Ms. Siering said it is unknown because the trailhead is not open.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2013

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Ira Berkowitz, Brad Bernstein, Mimi Deem, Laurel Harrington, Michelle Harris, Eric Schneider, Mark Stapleton and Melanie Tamsky.

Absent: Marguerite Garrick, Darryl Higuchi and Andrea Maddox-Dallas

Also Present: Patty DeForrest and Denise Ucinski.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were not approved; review postponed until the June meeting.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park Multi-Use Facility Presentation:

Mr. Michael Pratl and Mr. Anselmo Testa from Jacobs Engineering conducted the Shaw Park Multi-Use Facility presentation. (See attached presentation for additional details.) Jacobs met with the Steering Committee in April. The committee refined the options to two schemes.

Mr. Testa gave an overview of the facility concepts and provided an explanation as to how the ideas came to fruition. He spoke about the nature of the site, the rink being NHL regulation size, development of a facility program and possible activities that could take place in the summer to increase revenue.

Both conceptual drawings, as well as aerial views, were presented to the Commission and the audience. Both options showed building schemes and roof schemes. These included:

Option #1 (Scheme A) – This plaza level scheme would consist of a restaurant with a minimal kitchen area in the back to allow for better service, control traffic and provide easy access for trash removal. It would also include: a warming hut area close to the street, equipment rental and lobby on the second level and entry to the facility near the Century Garden. A large events terrace would overlook the rink and be accessible from the Century Garden. An event support facility located on the east side would be for storage, the fire pit, additional locker rooms and restrooms.

Option #2 (Scheme B) – This single story plaza level scheme would have all of the buildings on the west side. The scheme was developed with synergy and the Tennis center in mind; the restaurant would stand alone on the east side near the back of the ice rink. The proposal has bleachers facing the tennis center. A disadvantage with this scheme is that some storage would need to be located somewhere else due to lack of space.

Facility and roof factors include the following: environmental issues, transparency, sun and shade control, rain protection, provide a nice view of the park and the City, have a sense of place, be iconic and from an operational standpoint be flexible and sustainable. Research showed that having a retractable roof would be too much operationally. Both roof schemes were shown on each building scheme. Roof scheme one would be a lattice roof structure and roof scheme two would be more artsy and opaque so long shards of light would shine through the open space. A determination would have to be made in regards to what panels need to be opaque and which ones would be clear. The cost of the lattice roof is estimated to be \$4,850,000 and the artistic roof is estimated to be \$5,300,000. The next steps are to select a scheme, present the scheme to the BOA, and then utilize the design to begin fundraising.

The Commission discussed having warmer looking material for the roof and making it simpler. The height of the roof would be about thirty-two feet at the apex and it would not be higher than the ten meter board at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center. Furthermore, the roof would cover the bleachers, plus five feet on each side would provide shade to areas outside of it.

One of the goals in the Master Plan is to eliminate buildings; Scheme B would allow for the elimination of the tennis building. Ms. Harrington stated that she liked Scheme B because it allows continuity and provides dual usage between the tennis center and the ice rink. Scheme A is similar to the aquatic center layout. Ms. Harrington said there are merits to both schemes. Mr. Stapleton said the more open air feel at the rink the better. Ms. DeForrest noted that the proposals are much safer than drop off is now because children will be able to go directly into the facility rather than having to walk to the back of it. The new facility can be less of a structure since the current one holds a lot of ice making equipment we no longer need.

After an in-depth discussion the Commission determined that Scheme B with the lattice roof and elimination of the tennis center building is the preferred scheme. The scheme offers more transparency, provides a better view from the street, and the ice opens to the garden area.

Director's Report:

-The City of Clayton's standard signage will be used at Anderson Park. The park opening has been delayed to weather conditions. It is slated to open in June.

-A contract was awarded for the Enterprise Holdings Pavilion. Construction will begin in June and the plan is for the pavilion to be completed by the end of September. Some changes had to be made to the original pavilion design in order to decrease the project budget.

-Projects at the Hanley House are going well.

-The Artist Guild will vacate the building at the end of this year. The City has to evaluate the buildings condition and, at this time, has no plan for usage but will begin looking for a tenant or tenants soon.

Old Business / New Business:

No new or old business was reported.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



City of Clayton's June 2013 Special Events

Saturdays in June - Clayton Farmer's Market: Clayton's Farmers' Market supports local farmers, spotlights organic items and other unique and seasonal specialties. The market is open from 8:30 am-12:30 pm and is located on Straub's parking lot.

Sunday, June 2 – Taste of Clayton: The 19th Taste of Clayton food festival is scheduled for this Sunday, June 2nd, from 12:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Guests will enjoy samplings from fifteen of Clayton's award winning restaurants for \$7 or less per taste. Each restaurant will offer a special \$2 tasting. The location of the Taste is in downtown Clayton, on Brentwood Boulevard between Forsyth and Maryland. There will be activities for children and live entertainment. Operation Food Search will be collecting donations from attendees and will be raffling off some outstanding prizes. Fireworks begin at 9:15 pm.

Monday, June 3 – Summer Camps: The first day of summer camp at The Center of Clayton is June 4; summer camps run weekdays through August 9.

Saturday, June 8 – Kids' Day at Shaw Park: Free admission is offered all day for resident children, ages 12 and younger. Games and activities will be held throughout the afternoon.

Wednesday, June 12 – Parties in the Park: This event is located on North Meramec Avenue. This month's band is Whiskey Morning. The event begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, June 19 – World's Largest Swimming Lesson: Become a World Record Holder! The World's Largest Swimming Lesson is an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for a simultaneous worldwide swimming lesson. Children ages 3-12 may participate in the swimming lesson from 9:15 am-11:00 am at Shaw Park Aquatic Center.

Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23 - CSP Invitational Swim Meet: Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team will be hosting their annual meet where nearly 700 participants from across the region compete. During the meet, the pool is closed to the public. Arrangements have been made for pass holders to swim for free at Maplewood Pool and the Center of Clayton during the weekend.

Sunday, June 23 – Musical Nights at Oak Knoll Park: Sponsored by the Clayton Century Foundation, this event is held monthly by the pond at Oak Knoll. This month's music will be provided by Flaming Pie, a local band who plays Beatles and British invasion covers. The event is held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.